

## St. John's Elementary

140 Park Street  
Darlington, SC 29532



# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

**Grades:** PK-5 Elementary

**Enrollment:** 671 students

**School Phone:** 843-398-5130

**School Website:** <http://sje.dcsdschools.org/>

**Principal:** Jean B. Taylor

**Superintendent:** Dr. Eddie Ingram

**Board Chair:** Connell Delaine



### Profile of the SC Graduate

#### World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

#### World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

#### Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

*Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

St. John's Elementary, a Title I school, had a productive 2014-2015 school year. The school worked collaboratively with parents and the community to promote excellence in academics, athletics, attendance, attitude and the arts. Balanced literacy instruction, First Grade Interventionist, Fast Forward, ALEKS, Kahn Academy, workstations, math RIT band groups, Accelerated Reader and Mobi Max Lab programs were provided to students. Fifty-six students were invited to attend the All A Banquet. One student earned all A's for five consecutive years! Honor Roll students were recognized quarterly. Identified students will be invited to attend DSAP. One fifth grade student earned one million points on Kahn Academy! Students read books throughout the year to earn induction into the Principal's Reading Honor Roll. One kindergarten student read over 2400 books. Students practiced math facts to earn induction into the Principal's Math Honor Roll. The student body supported the community by sponsoring the annual Christmas Canned Food Drive and participating in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. Student Council Officers assisted during quarterly Spirit Day Assemblies, the Fall Festival and Awards Day. Student Marshals and the Flag Corps Teams provided students with leadership opportunities. The Annual Fall Festival, Spring Talent Show, May Day and Field Day celebrations provided opportunities for community involvement and participation.

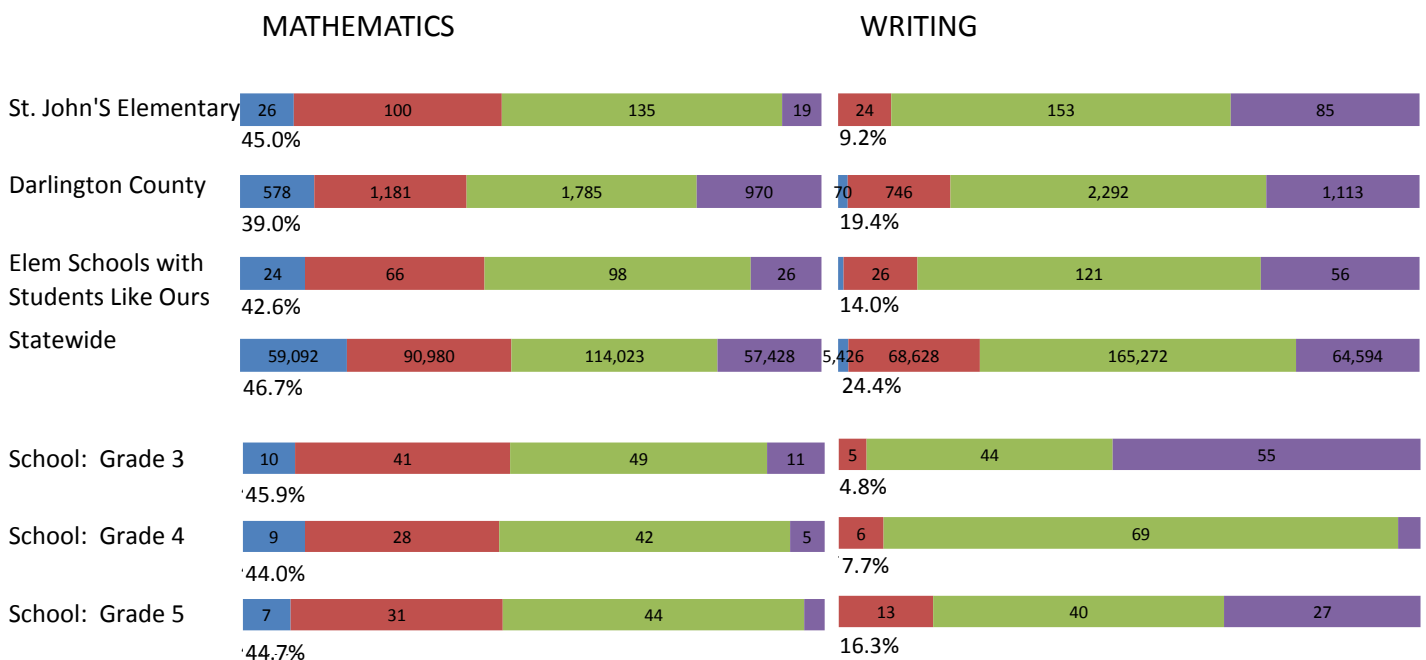
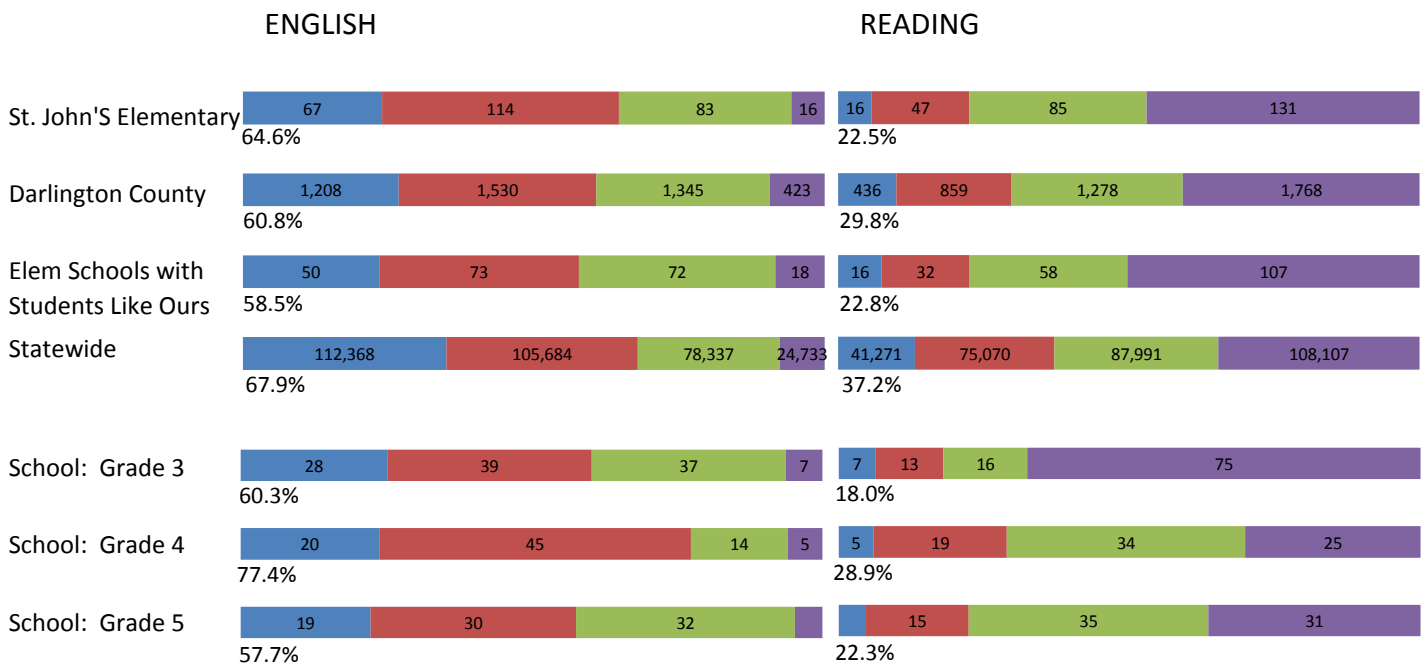
District-led ELA, math, science and GT social studies sessions were held during the school year to strengthen teacher knowledge and instruction of the standards. The school-wide PBS Model continued to acknowledge appropriate student behavior. Morning math and reading tutorial services were provided to students. After school computer lab sessions were provided for identified third-fifth grade students. Computer labs provided daily thirty minute sessions for all first through fifth grade students. St. John's Elementary earned a Growth Rating of Average and an Absolute Rating of Average for the 2013-2014 school year. The Association of Parents and Teachers sponsored a variety of fundraising activities. The School Improvement Council and numerous business partners worked collaboratively to improve the school. St. John's Elementary continued its tradition of excellence, serving the Darlington Community since 1818.

Jean B. Taylor, Principal and Martha M. Bridgeman, SIC Chairperson

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

**KNOWLEDGE**

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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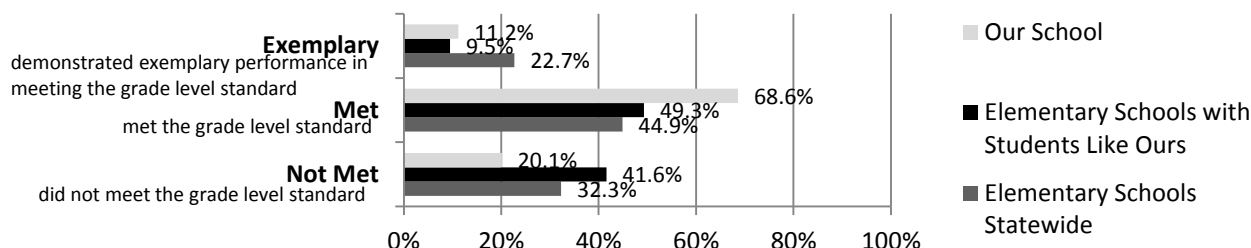
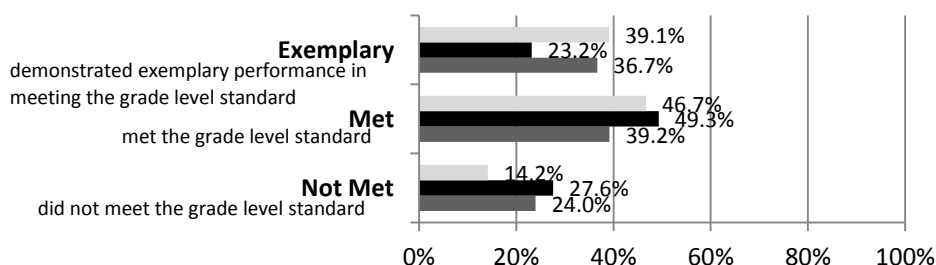
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**KNOWLEDGE**

The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Science****Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
84.5	75.3

**Social Studies SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade
92.9	78.8

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary

**"Exemplary"**: student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met

**"Met"**: student met the grade level standard.

Not Met

**"Not Met"**: student did not meet the grade level standard.

Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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**OPPORTUNITIES****For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 671)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	86.0	Down from 88.1%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.1	Down from 95.6%	95.5
With disabilities	16.1	Down from 17.9%	13.8
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1	Up from 0.0%	0.0
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	2.6	Up from 2.3%	4.9
Percentage of students retained	5.4	Up from 3.7%	1.4
<b>Teachers (n = 39)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	64.1	No change	59.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	92.3	Up from 87.2%	77.8
Teachers returning from previous year	89.0	Down from 94.4%	85.7
Teacher attendance rate	92.8	Down from 93.9%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$47,610	Up 2.2%	\$46,604
Professional development days / teacher	12.0 days	Down from 13.4 days	10.9 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.9
<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	24.0	Up from 23.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	Up from 21.6 to 1	19.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.7	Down from 88.5%	89.2
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	100.0
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	17.0	N/A	15.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	15.6	N/A	26.7
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	0.8
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.4	N/C	2.0
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	No change	0.0
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,154	Up 4.1%	\$8,332
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.6	Up from 63.2%	65.6
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	64.8	Up from 63.7%	66.8

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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**OPPORTUNITIES****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students*</b>	<b>Parents*</b>
Number of surveys returned	50	81	72
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.0	80.3	84.8
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.0	71.8	90.1
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.5	84.6	70.3

\* Only students at the highest elementary school grade and their parents were included.

**State Ratings History of School**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Absolute Rating</b>	<b>Growth Rating</b>
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Good	Excellent

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards  
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)  
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)  
[Report Card Data Files](#)  
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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